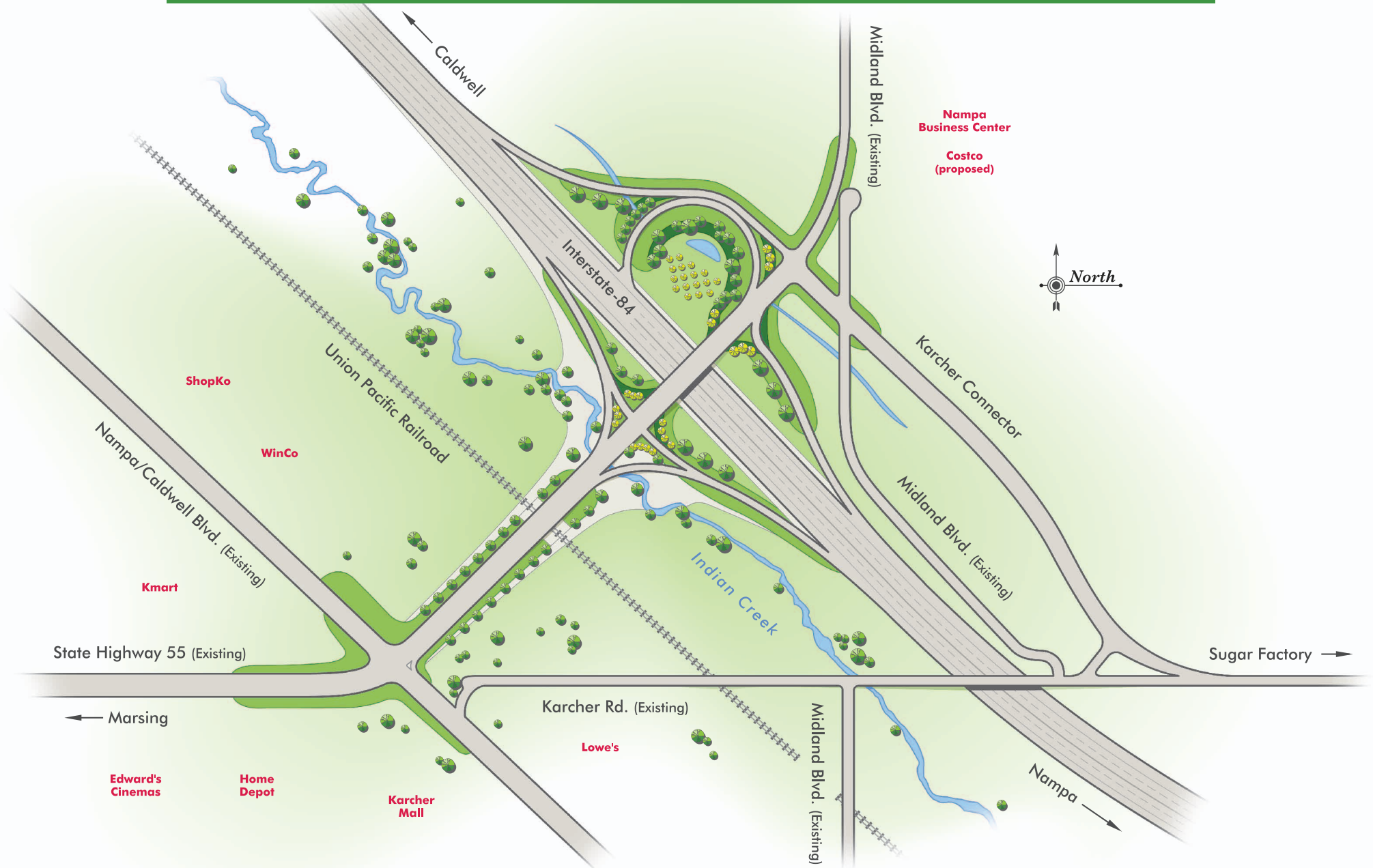


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The Idaho Transportation Department's Karcher Interchange project will provide a new access to Interstate 84, benefit traffic flow and provide better direct access to Idaho 55.

The design incorporates four major features:

The interchange overpass will be five lanes wide, including a center turn lane. It will include five bridges — three over Indian Creek, one over the railroad tracks, and one over I-84. It will also have bike lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter.

A new roadway will extend from the interchange to Karcher Road/Idaho 55 past Edwards Cinemas. This road will be five lanes wide, including a center turn lane.

The connecting roadway from existing Karcher Road east of the interstate overpass (Karcher Connector) will be two lanes wide and will connect with the overpass at a junction with Midland Road. The existing Karcher Road will be a right-turn only at Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard.

Following the completion of the Karcher Interchange, Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard (Idaho 55/I-84B) will be resurfaced between Karcher Road and Nampa Boulevard.

The Karcher Interchange project began in summer 2005. It is expected to be complete in winter 2006. The Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard resurfacing is expected to take place in summer 2007.

Central Paving Co. of Boise is the contractor on the \$30 million Karcher Interchange project.

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